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In re Application of:

Masato HIGASHI

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 29, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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